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VICTOR VASILEVICH BEREZIN

d.o.b. ca. 1931 in USSR

(Met at Russian Institute reception 15 Oct 1964)

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*Manchuk
Communist
Party*

Berezin is exchange student from Soviet Union at Columbia
for 1964-65 in the Graduate School of Journalism.

He is about 5'4" tall, weighing 140 lbs, blond hair, is
33-years old, but looks younger. He has four upper front gold
teeth (two in the center, and one more on each side, separated
by white teeth).

B is married, and has a ten-year-old son. He married "very
early," while serving in the "Soviet army" (he did not use the
term "Red Army").

He is a native of Moscow, a graduate of Moscow Univ. in
journalism, with the degree of "Aspirant". Currently he is
working on a dissertation -- "Treatment of the American election
by the New York Times" -- for the degree of Candidate "that's
equivalent of American PhD".

His English is adequate, but halting. He hopes to "make it
richer" after his stay here.

When B speaks, he has a tendency to say "yes, yes, yes" and
"no, no, no" to emphasize a point. He does this quite frequently,
so that it is a definite mark in his speech.

After graduation, B was sent to work on the "Krasnoyarskaya
Zvezda" (?) in Krasnoyarsk, which, he explained is a "kray", daily
newspaper in the Siberian part of RSFSR. His wife and child stayed
in ~~When~~ Moscow during the year that he was in Krasnoyarsk.

When told that he is a "Sibiryak" like Yevtushenko, B
emphasized that he is a Muscovite. Apparently he does not like
Krasnoyarsk too much. He was sent there, and he went.

*cc. Ann Look
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Mantel (husband)*

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B did not show much inclination to talk about Yevtushenko. He had never seen him. When told by M that Yevtushenko is a snob B merely laughed.

He said he would be glad to visit M & R at home provided it is ~~xxxx~~ not outside New York, because "I cannot leave New York." But he also said that he has a ticket as far as San Francisco, and plans to work out an itinerary at a future date.

As part of his research, B has talks with professors at the Journalism School, and also with editors of the NY Times, among those he named Harrison Salisbury. B knows that Salisbury at one time worked in Moscow.

When told by R that R had met Liudmilla Kasatkina (last year's student at Columbia), B laughed out loud. But when asked whether he knows her, B answered "No".

Generally, B did not show much desire to talk about other than officially known things in the Soviet Union. Example: Khrushchev's resignation -- he merely repeated what TASS made known.

About the Chinese: he emphatically said that he does not like them. He did not differentiate between the Chinese party leaders and the people. "I don't like the Chinese," he said three or four times.

When R said jokingly that with Brezhnev there is at last a Ukrainian on top in the Soviet Union, B did not show any desire to talk about it. Merely said "yes".